

THE FOURTH OF JULY.

HOW THE NATION'S BIRTHDAY WILL BE CELEBRATED.

EXCURSIONS, FIREWORKS AND SPORTS—DIFFERENT FEATURES OF THE HOLIDAY.

There are no indications that point to a celebration of the Fourth of July this year differing in many respects from the festivities of recent years. The day will be simply a great holiday for hundreds of thousands of persons of all classes and conditions of people. The great majority will go to Coney Island, Elmhurst, Eden Plaza and other nearby resorts. As usual, lodges, benevolent associations, political associations, Sunday-schools, trade unions, shoulder parties, church societies, etc., will turn out in large numbers, journeying by land and water to spots chosen for their meetings and other desirable qualities. No extraordinary efforts have been made to decorate buildings, but, as usual, the American flag will be seen everywhere.

In one respect, at least, the celebration may be said to have begun several days ago. The street peddlars a few days ago purchased an unusually extensive supply of toy pistols, fire-crackers, torpedoes and fireworks. These they have been selling to indulgent parents and to boys who have saved pennies for the Fourth. In Nassau, yesterday there were about thirty of these street vendors, who made life unbearable for the nervous pedestrian by firing pistol in his face and exploding torpedoes at his heels. Most of the city officials left the city on Saturday to remain until tomorrow. Mayor Gilpin went to Far Rockaway, as did also several other city officials.

The usual celebration will be held in Tammany Hall to-day. There will be a "long talk" in spite of the many difficulties encountered by the Tammany officials in their search for an orator of National fame.

Preparations have been made to entertain unusually large crowds at Manhattan Beach, Elmhurst and Coney Island. At Manhattan Beach a special program has been prepared for the afternoon and evening, gondola's will furnish music all day. In the evening there will be a great display of Paul's fireworks. "The Storming of Vicksburg" will be represented.

At Coney Island and Coney Island there will be the usual attractions and unusually large crowds. At Elmhurst there will be a concert at 4 p.m. and in the evening at 8:30 o'clock. Kirky's "King Solomon," the boxing kangaroo and the cool breezes that sweep over the Wedgewood Heights are the main attractions.

The Long Island Railroad Company will run special trains to Coney Island and Rockaway Beach. The Bay Ridge ferries connecting with the Sea Beach route will run at frequent intervals from Whitehills for Coney Island.

The Reading Railroad system (Lehigh Valley division) will run an excursion to Maenchen Chunk, leaving Liberty st. at 4:45 p.m. The Albany and Lake steamer New York will carry an excursion to Newburg and Douglaston, leaving Brooklyn at 8 a.m. The steamer Brooklyn Flock will leave Peck Slip at 9:30 a.m. for New Haven, returning at midday.

The seventh annual festival of the New York Letter Carriers' Association will be held in Linck Park, Philadelphia, on Saturday, July 1, and will be held at 11:30 a.m. and Avenue A. The Declaration of Independence will be read at 2 o'clock.

Concern't band will give a concert in Paradise Park at 8 p.m.

The band will be racing at Monmouth Park and Brighton Beach.

The Larchmont Yacht Club regatta, the nautical branch of the American Yacht Club, and the Audubon Yacht Club regatta and the Sheepshead Yacht Club regatta will be held to-day.

The Police Department has given permits for parades to seventeen organizations.

The parades of the City of York, Brooklyn and Jersey City will go to Forest View Grove, on the Hudson.

The Washington Continental Guard will have its parade in the afternoon.

BRIEFCOUP TO HONOR P. T. BARNUM'S MEMORY

The people of Bridgeport, Conn., will celebrate the day by a demonstration in memory of one of their fellow-citizens who in his lifetime was one of the city's chief benefactors. The citizens will unveil a statue of P. T. Barnum. elaborate preparations have been made for the affair, and it is expected that a large number of people will be present from all New-England.

The Rev. Dr. Colver, the Mayor and others will make addresses, and a specially selected choir will sing. Grand stands have been built, and an opportunity will be given to everyone to see the unveiling ceremony. One feature of the celebration will be a grand military and civic parade, the largest ever arranged in the city. The train for Bridgeport will start from the Grand Central Station at 11 o'clock this morning.

THE "WATCH NIGHT OF LIBERTY."

A large audience gathered at the Perry Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Perry-st. near Greenwich, last evening, to take part in exercises held in honor of the "Watch Night of Liberty." The meeting was under the auspices of the Washington Continental Guard, an independent military organization formed in 1835 for the purpose of developing patriotism among the people. At the breaking out of the Civil War it joined the Union forces as part of the 2nd New York Volunteers, and took part in the battles of Fair Oaks and Gettysburg. The exercises last evening consisted of vocal and instrumental solos, concerted and congregational singing, readings and recitations. "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung by Miss Fanny Carrick, the audience joining in the chorus.

THE DAY AT THE NAVY YARD.

Independence Day will be observed at the Navy Yard with all the sheet and noise that the Navy Regulations require. The 2,000 workmen will have a day off, but each will get his full day's pay. At 8 o'clock the vessels in commission, so far as their equipment will permit, will be dressed as follows:

A National ensign at top peak, and at each masthead; the Union Jack displayed forward, lines of stars and other flags and pennants, not national, extending from the jibboom and deck to the mainmast; the signal pennant in the mizzen to the mizzen, to the main to the spanker boom, and to the water-tight door; the rain-horn at each masthead.

At noon a National salute of twenty-one guns will be fired by the vessels suitably provided with batteries.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CIRCLE EXERCISES.

The Epworth League Circle held exercises at the Thirty-ninth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in Thirty-ninth-st., near Third-ave., last night, in honor of Independence Day. After prayer by the Rev. George H. Goodell and an oration by W. W. Thompson, came the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Mrs. M. McConnell and a chorus. Later in the evening the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean" were sung. In the intervals there were a number of recitations and instrumental solos, and an illustration of army calls on the bugle. After the singing of "America" by the congregation and choir all adjourned to the basement, where refreshments were served.

A FINE PROGRAMME AT MANHATTAN BEACH.

The closing number of each programme to-day at Manhattan Beach will consist of a new patriotic composition arranged by Mr. Sonsa for the occasion. It is entitled "The Salute of the Nation to Columbia," and in its performance several organizations besides the band will take part. Among them will be the 22d Regiment Drum Corps, a troupe of Swiss workmen, Spanish mandolin players, and performers on скрипка (the Russian violin). In addition to the regular band, the Fourth of July canon will be used at the beach in honor of the "saints."

TO CELEBRATE ON HISTORIC GROUND.

Round Brook, N. J. To-day all arrangements are completed for the fifth celebration of Independence Day, by the Washington Camp Ground Association, on the site of Washington Camp at Middle Brook, occupied by the Continental Army during the winters of 1777-78, and '79. The Rev. Dr. A. H. Lewis, Philadelph., will deliver the oration and the Rev. T. E. Davis will tell of the stirring times in Round Brook during the Revolution.

TO KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON EXCURSION BOATS.

In compliance with instructions received from the Secretary of the Treasury, Collector Hendricks yesterday issued orders to his subordinates to exercise great vigilance in and detail an extra force for that purpose. One or more inspectors will be placed on board every passenger steamer, and will be on the operation of the local inspectors of steam vessels, about thirty-five officers will be engaged in coasting passengers. The law against overloading will be vigorously enforced.

Under Section 4,845, United States Revised Statutes, the penalty for carrying a greater number of pas-

sengers than is given in the certificate of inspection, is a forfeiture of the amount of passage money and \$10 for each passenger beyond the number allowed.

TO-DAY'S CEREMONIES IN THE BIG Wigwam.

The orators for the Tammany Society's celebration today were slow in appearing last evening. Police Justice "Barney" Martin at the head of a Reception Committee of Wigwam brave, patiently awaited the arrival of the men who are to electrify the audience which will assemble in the East Fourteenth-st. temple this morning, but the committee found nobody to welcome up to a late hour, except Senator Charles B. Gilpin, of Maryland, and Congressman John B. Gilpin, of New York. Great anxiety was felt at Bowling Green, Mo., Great anxiety was manifested at the non-appearance of Speaker Gilpin, who is down on the hills for some of the heavy parts in today's performance, but late in the evening word came over the wires that Mr. Gilpin, with Congressman Edward McMillan, of Tennessee, was to leave Washington last night and reach New York this morning.

THE ANNIVERSARY OF VICKSBURG.

This evening the surrender of Pemberton to the Union forces, which took place thirty years ago, will be commemorated in magnificent style at Manhattan Beach, in Failes' amphitheatre, by a presentation of "The Storming of Vicksburg." Arrangements have been made to give the spectacle with additional pyrotechnic and military effects. Several veterans of the war will be on hand to see the performance.

FRIGHTON'S ATTRACTION FOR THE FOURTH.

The many thousands of people who have remained in town can spend a delightful afternoon and evening at Brighton Beach to-day, where an attractive program has been prepared for their entertainment. The hotel girls have received a thorough overhauling, and under the experienced and successful management of Burke & Son's, will be ready.

THE DAY IN BROOKLYN.

There will be no formal celebration of Independence Day in Brooklyn. The public buildings will not have their customary decorations and there will be no fireworks at night. The National flag will be displayed on public and private buildings, and there will be a salute fired at Fort Greene by G. A. R. patrols. A concert will be given in Prospect Park, and many excursions will be made out of the city. The Avoca Jacuzzi Club of the Seventh Ward will have an old-fashioned celebration in the afternoon at No. 500 Knickerbocker.

WHEELS WHIZ FOR PRIZES.

THE NEW YORK CYCLING ASSOCIATION'S RACES BEGAN.

R. V. WHEELER, OF ORANGE, N. J., WINS ALL-FOUR RACES—THE BIG HANDFUL A FEAT.

IRL OF TODAY'S SPORT.

A new feature in sports has made its bow for public approval yesterday. It was the first meeting of the New York Cycling Association, which is a member of the National Cycling Association of America. The idea is to promote professional bicycle racing, and a circuit of meets has already been arranged. Cash prizes will be given instead of medals, pencils, cheques, plates and valuable building lots. The association will be run on about the same plan as professional baseball.

The members of the club will hold their first scratch race for the championship of Westchester County will be held on July 22 on the White Plains County fair track at Yonkers. There will be a dozen valuable prizes, including a fine championship cup. Entries close July 15, and should be sent to Theodore Cox, No. 73 Union Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.

There is a little romance connected with the recent marriage of Miss Estelle Smith and Rudolf F. de Lejeune. The young couple met for the first time last February while crossing the ocean on the steamship La Provence. Mr. de Lejeune is a graduate of Geneva University. His sister is the wife of Baron Zemán of Czechland. Among the wedding presents received by the bride was a set of dishes containing no plates, sent by the parent of the bridegroom. Mr. de Lejeune and his bride, after a visit to the World's Fair, expect to pass part of the summer in Yonkers before going abroad in the autumn. The City Club has moved into its new home, the old Flagg mansion, at No. 47 South Broadway. The house was purchased by the club in April last, and has since been transformed into an ideal residence. At the right of the main entrance is a reception room, and at the left is the club parlor, a spacious and richly furnished apartment, the room of Arthur Barton, the American artist. The room all through the building are of polished oak. The parlor opens into the dining room, which has a large fireplace. On the opposite side of the room is a doorway leading to the maid's room and the kitchen. At the rear is a large hall and a back porch. There are several small rooms on this floor for the use of members. On the third floor are the quarters of the club steward. A road garden will be fitted out for the convenience of members during the summer evenings.

SING SIN 5.

John Murphy, seventy years old, who lived in Elizabethville, opposite Somersby Park, died yesterday, while sitting in a chair soundly asleep. Death was caused by heart failure. A civil service examination will be held on Saturday, August 5, for the grades and carriers in the 2nd sing sin process. Applications must be filed before Monday, July 17, 1900.

The cars of the railroad electric railway are now running to Springfield, from Main-st. to Laierville. The "Porch" telever will have less time of late, and several porches were stripped of chairs, hammocks and potted plants. Hammarskjold, R. C. S. R. of the Croton Yacht Club, in the latest victim. On Sunday evening the porch was cleared of a hammock and several chairs.

The Highland Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday school will have its annual reunion on Glendon Island on Friday, July 7, at 7 p.m.

The second annual meeting of the New York State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will be held on Saturday, July 15, at 10 a.m. in the hall of the Sons of the American Revolution, 100 Madison Avenue, New York.

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